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Applicant has submitted a new complete claim set showing amended claims with insertions indicated by underlining and deletions indicated by strikeouts and/or double bracketing.

Please cancel claims 1-6 and 12-14 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add new claim 15 as noted below.

1.-6. (Canceled)

7. (Original) A computer storage system comprising:

an array of storage devices;

a system cache memory; and

a plurality of controller boards for controlling data transfer to and between said array of storage devices, said system cache memory and a host computer, each of said controller boards having electronic circuitry including a non-volatile memory containing product data that identifies the respective controller board and means for reading the product data in said non-volatile memory.

8. (Original) A computer storage system as defined in claim 7 wherein said non-volatile memory comprises a read-only memory.

9. (Original) A computer storage system as defined in claim 7 wherein said non-volatile memory comprises a serial EEPROM.

10. (Original) A computer storage system as defined in claim 7 further comprising a backplane for mounting and interconnecting said controller boards, wherein each of said controller boards further comprises means for providing external access to the product data in said non-volatile memory through said backplane.

11. (Original) A computer storage system as defined in claim 7 wherein said product data includes one or more of a board part number, a board serial number, a board revision level, a cabinet serial number and text comments.

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12.-14. (Cancelled)

15. (New) A computer storage system as defined in claim 7, wherein said storage devices comprise disk drives.